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COMIREX MAPPING, CHARTING AND GEODESY WORKING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2D921

Pentagon

1300 - 1600 Hours, 14 February 1972

PRESIDING



Chairman

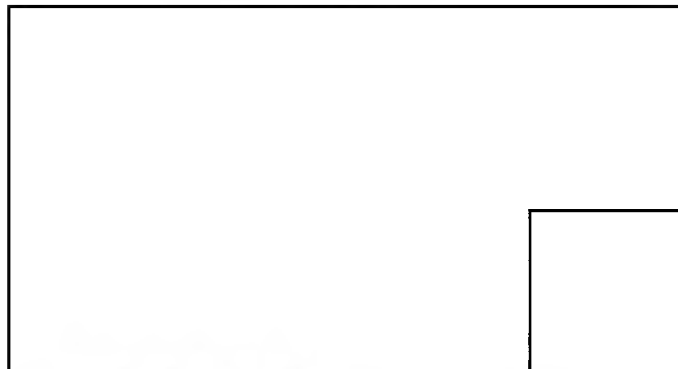
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MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT



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CONSULTANTS PRESENT



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NRO and DIA
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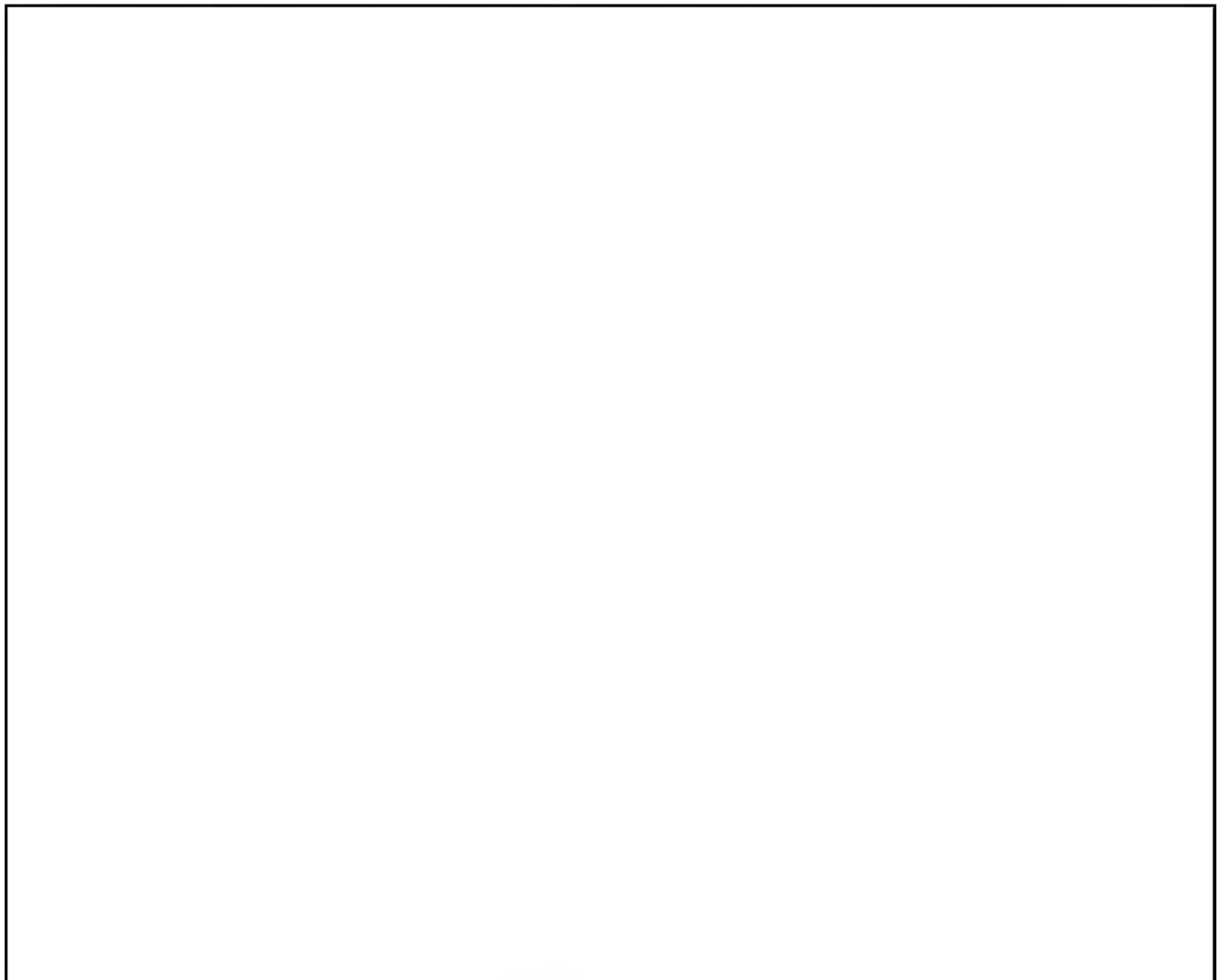
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1. Purpose of Meeting:

25X1A [] opened the meeting indicating that the MCGWG should try to cover all the items on the agenda forwarded 8 February 1972. However, since the agenda had been forwarded the DIA had found the matter of evaluation criteria for the 12" SI coverage - item e on the agenda was not ready for discussion in the Working Group. In particular the question of acceptability at orbital altitude needed further study. It was indicated that this item should be delayed until the next meeting.

2. Proposed COMIREX Guidance to the NRO on FY 73 Developmental Efforts in Support of MC&G.

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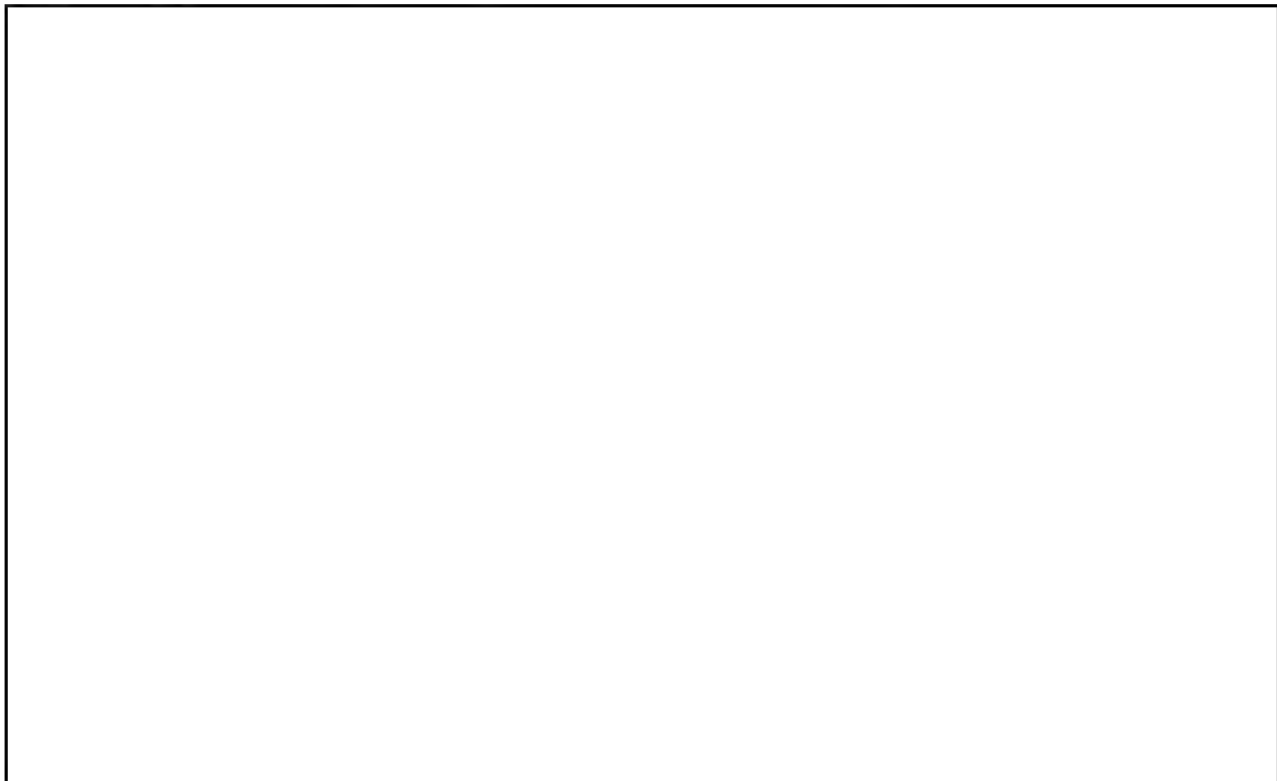
d. [] raised the question as to whether forwarding these technical recommendations at this time followed up by more long range recommendations in early April was an appropriate time schedule for this information to be furnished. [] mentioned that generally the schedule was late for the ideal timing of his office in that their general schedule was to provide guidance to the program office by about the middle of February and that in April to July the NRO staff would review the recommendations of the program office. After some discussion as to the schedule, [] concluded that even though it wasn't the most opportune time they should continue to work on coming up with the long term objective by about the first week in April.

e. [] commented that both he and [] would be leaving soon and that it would be important for the MC&G community to keep behind the need for these technical improvements. [] and [] commented that we should be looking to further actions that we can take that will give greater emphasis to technical improvements which seem to clearly indicate major improvements in technology. After considerable discussion it was concluded that a letter should be prepared to Chairman, COMIREX including the recommendations as proposed by the Technical Planning Group and reiterating the need for the development cited last year with special emphasis on including MC&G capability in []

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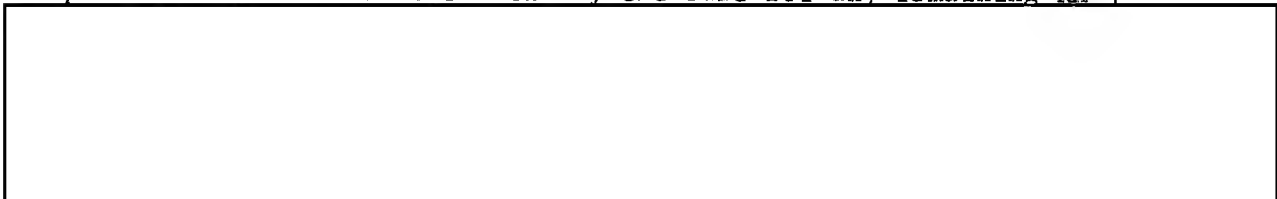
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4. Area Requirements for Mission 1116.

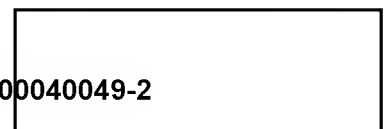
a. [] raised questions as to what were the desires of the group with respect to coverage of mission 1116. [] mentioned that DoD had given consideration to whether the area collection requirements should be substantially the same for any remaining KH-4



b. [] brought up the major consideration that many factors, including fiscal constraints, had caused the NRO to conclude that they should close out their capability to operate any KH-4 systems after June 1972. After considerable discussion the group concluded that the MCGWG should bring up the whole matter and urgently recommend that the remaining KH-4 systems be used to obtain coverage to meet MC&G requirements, and



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that every effort should be taken to make use of these systems before they could no longer be launched and would be discarded. [] felt that the fact that any coverage obtained by KH-4 systems would correspondingly reduce [] coverage requirements should be cited as a major factor. [] continued, indicating that it was not clear as yet how mission 1117 might be handled because simultaneous operation of [] might be required. He pointed out that the whole matter is being studied on an urgent basis on the West Coast and answers will be available in a day or two. There was a good possibility that NRO would be able to arrange for mission 1117 to operate in May giving emphasis to coverage of MC&G requirement areas. [] brought out that if as much as one-half of 1116 and 1117 could be used to meet MC&G requirements, this would be comparable to 1 whole bucket from the []. It was recognized that urgent action was needed to insure that the COMIREX and NRO utilize missions 1116 and 1117 toward meeting MC&G panoramic coverage requirements. It was concluded that [] would call [] and discuss the matter with him and follow up with a brief letter urging use of the remaining KH-4 systems as a major collection effort toward meeting MC&G coverage requirements.

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